

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-32, 34-39, and 40-48 are pending.

New claims 40-48 have been added. Support for new claims 40-48 can be found, e.g., in Figs. 1-2 and their corresponding written descriptions.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-32, and 34-36 were indicated as allowable over the prior art. Applicant expresses appreciation for the favorable consideration of these claims.

New claims 40-48 have been added to further claim additional aspects of the invention. It is respectfully submitted that new claims 40-48 are allowable for substantially the same reasons as claims 1-4 and 6-10 since new claims 40-48 are corresponding apparatus claims for method claims 1-4 and 6-10, respectively.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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